

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend Our Formal Opening BEGINNING TO-DAY

Fragrant with the breath of Paris, charming with the touch of London and perfect with a profusion of American ideas, the new merchandise for spring invites your inspection.

It is an exhibit that will give you an idea with every glance. The newest merchandise is here, the best that can be had is here, and not only all that, but prices are so reasonable as to cause wonder. We can suit the most critical taste, we can satisfy the most practical sense with a spring stock larger and better by far than our best past showing.

To say it is our best showing expresses but feebly the attempt. It means a harvest of ideas from which our customers can garner to their heart's content.

Come and Attend Our Grand Opening, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

...MUSICAL PROGRAMME...

Professor Rees's Orchestra will render a very select programme from 11 A. M. to 6 P. M.

...FINE PAINTINGS...

The two fine Oil Paintings—Rosa Bonheur's "Old Darby" (3d floor), Lithgow's "Venus de Milo" (2nd floor), will be exhibited during the opening days.

Miller & Rhoads

FALLS BENEATH WHEELS OF HEARSE FOUGHT AWHILE, THEN RETREATED NEED HOME HERE FOR EX-CONVICTS

Archie Cary Has Two Ribs Broken by Serious Tumble.

While he was riding on a bicycle behind his father's carriage, Archie Cary, Jr., son of T. A. Cary, of Highland Park, was knocked down and run over by a hearse returning from a funeral, shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

SEVEN INDICTMENTS

Negro Who Swallowed Alleged Forged Receipt Acquitted.

No Need To Fear Nature

If one does not set up unnatural opposition.

The caffeine in coffee opposes nature—handicaps body and brain—reason enough to quit coffee and change to

POSTUM

the natural food-beverage.

It nourishes and strengthens body and brain—

"There's a Reason"

Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

Odds Too Many Against E. L. Bowles in Fight in Jackson Ward.

E. L. Bowles, of 555 North Monroe Street, ventured last night too far into the Ward, and in consequence came back with a silt eyebrow, a bruised nose and a cut forehead.

SAM STEINER MAY RUN

Member of City Democratic Committee Mentioned for Council from Henry.

Arrested Yesterday.

Assailed Servant Girl.

Several white boys last night struck Mildred Archer, a colored servant girl, while she was looking in the windows of the Miller & Rhoads store, and knocked her down.

Police Court Cases.

William Glick, charged with assaulting Thad Herwin, was sent on to the grand jury from Police Court yesterday morning.

The case against Otis Goode, alias Sam Mills, colored, who is suspected of having participated in the robbery of Abram Lutto's store, was continued to March 9.

The case against Jack Sharpe, colored, charged with selling cocaine, was continued to March 11.

R. E. Mason, white, suspected of being a fugitive from justice from North Carolina, was ordered held till March 12.

He is alleged to have fled several young men in a poker game.

The cases against Lewis White and Clinton Lordfield, colored, charged with stealing chickens, were continued to March 9.

The case against Lewis Clemons, colored, charged with holding up and robbing J. Henderson of \$12, were sent on to the grand jury.

Ex-Prisoners' Aid Society of Virginia Appoints Committee to Consider Project.

After routine business had been disposed of the officers and members of the Ex-Prisoners' Aid Society of Virginia, at the fourth annual meeting, held in the Travelers' Protective Association Hall last night, discussed at length the advisability of establishing in Richmond a home for ex-convicts, and a committee was appointed to look more thoroughly into the matter and formulate an extensive report covering the needs and demands that such an institution will entail.

Reports were read from the superintendents of the work among the white and colored discharged prisoners, from the secretary and treasurer, and from President Burnett Lewis, whose detailed account of the work accomplished in the past twelve months was reported practically in full in the Times-Dispatch yesterday morning.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Much regret was expressed in the removal from Richmond of Alfred B. Williams, who has been an active worker in the organization since its beginning, and who recently retired as secretary and treasurer.

The following officers were re-elected: Burnett Lewis, president; L. Z. Morris, first vice-president; A. S. Buford, second vice-president; and George Bryan, secretary and treasurer.

SAVE THE BABIES

Health Board Outlines Plan for Spring Campaign.

At a meeting of the Board of Health last night plans were formulated for the "baby war" to be carried on this spring in an effort to lower the death rate among children under two years of age in the spring and summer months.

Three nurses are to be employed, and the assistance of the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association is to be invited in the conduct of a general effort to stop the "slaughter of the innocents," how held by foreign health authorities to be all but unnecessary.

M'CAY LOWEST BIDDER

Electric Contract Is Not Awarded.

The Committee on Electricity last night heard a report of a subcommittee to which was referred the bids for the distribution system for the new electric plant, the McCay Engineering Company being the lowest bidder.

Engineer Crawford said that the City Engineer did not approve his location of an underground conduit in Broad Street, as the place was being reserved for a water main.

As the board would entail some extra cost, which had not been figured out, the committee referred the matter back to the same subcommittee to report next Monday night.

Dr. Levy to Address Physicians.

Chief Health Officer E. C. Levy will make an address before the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery to-night on the subject of the prevalence of measles in the city.

Dr. George B. Barksdale will read a paper on "Frequency and Mortality of Appendicitis." The meeting has been called for 8 P. M. in the building of the Travelers' Protective Association.

CAPTAIN REDWOOD IS REINSTATED

Fire Board Drops Charges of Fighting on Duty.

BACK PAY IS ALLOWED

Admits Scrap With Driver Tyree Over Use of Bucket.

It was not the "Old Oaken Bucket," as Captain Charles F. Taylor suggested it might have been from the amount of fuss made over it, that caused the row between Captain J. H. Redwood, of Engine Company No. 11, and Driver W. T. Tyree, of Truck Company No. 4, which was aired before the Board of Fire Commissioners last night.

After hearing much evidence for and against both sides, the board decided to honorably retain both men and allow them to draw their pay since March 2, when they were suspended by order of Assistant Chief Raffa.

The charges preferred against Captain Redwood were those of using profane language and fighting while on duty. Tyree was simply charged with fighting. According to the evidence a number of buckets were needed to bail water out of the collar of the engine house, and when Captain Redwood wanted to press into service the one used by Tyree for watering his horses, the driver refused, saying that his horses would not drink out of it if it had been used in bailing.

In the three-round mixup that ensued it turned out that Captain Redwood called Tyree a "contemptible puppy" and "an infernal liar" and other things; that he hit Tyree after the latter had persisted in pushing him away several times.

Raffa Suspended Both.

On the other hand, Captain Redwood asserted that when he attempted to take the bucket the driver snatched it from his hand, and being a younger and much more powerful man, had taken him under one arm and given every indication of dashing him to the floor.

As soon as possible some member of the company reported the matter to Chief Raffa, who sent out on a fire. The chief being unable to come to the engine house, ordered that both men be suspended, and soon after arrived, giving the order in person.

Captain Redwood, when called to the stand, pleaded guilty to the charge of fighting, and using unbecomingly language, but said that he had not been guilty of profanity. Several witnesses stated that there were three encounters, and the only lick passed was that struck by Captain Redwood, which landed on Tyree's face.

None of the witnesses was certain as to the language used, but Captain Redwood freely admitted and apologized for his indiscretion.

Chief Joyce explained that although Engine house No. 11 and Truck Company No. 4 were in the same building, the equipment and men were absolutely separate. Assistant Chief Raffa said that there had been some trouble in the house before, and that about a month ago he had given orders that they be kept apart, and that the men have no communication with one another except on the department's business.

With all things explained, the vote was taken acquitting each man and allowing them to draw their pay during the time that they were suspended. Chairman Taylor gave them a short lecture, admonishing them to live hereafter in peace and harmony. This was accepted by both, but Captain Redwood took occasion to say that there would be no peace in the house unless Tyree was transferred, as he had had difficulties with almost every man there.

Lieutenant White Discharged.

L. S. White, of Steamer No. 4, who recently resigned his position to take another job, without giving the legal five days' notice, before the board. He admitted the charge, and as a matter of form, was honorably discharged from the department.

In the Fire Alarm Department, C. L. Gullett was appointed operator in the central office. Frank H. Stringer succeeded him as Outside Inspector.

These changes will become effective at noon March 9. The following promotions were ordered: L. Whitlock to Lieutenant in Engine Company No. 4, in place of L. S. White, discharged; H. Wade from grade C to grade B; L. G. Tiller from substitute to grade B.

The funeral of Ruth Odell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kelly, of 519 Highland Street, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment was in Maury Cemetery.

The Police Commissioners were scheduled to meet last night at 7:30 o'clock, but at 8 o'clock M. A. Campbell, the only member present, left. Three members are necessary for a quorum.

The Finance Committee will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The No. 4 utility meeting was held Friday night, but due to the lack of a quorum the meeting was postponed until next Thursday.

Veterans of Confederate camps and non-members, the descendants of Confederate soldiers, desiring crosses, can obtain them by applying to Mrs. T. H. Howlett, Trainman, 1017 Porter Street, for application blanks.

The Chesterfield Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, have been extended an invitation to meet in regular session with the Richmond Chapter in Lee Camp Hall Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Senator J. B. Watkins, of Chesterfield, being warmly congratulated by prominent men in his district for his stand on the State-wide bill.

Senator Watkins is a Democrat and was in the general Assembly on a local option platform. For this

MANCHESTER ACTS TO-NIGHT ON UNION

President Reams, of City Assembly, Fights for Delay.

ALDERMEN VOTE THURSDAY

Election May Be Called Within Next Three Weeks.

With the consolidation ordinance, as passed by the Council of this city and signed by Mayor D. C. Richardson Saturday, in the hands of the city clerk of Manchester, the fight for annexation on the south side of the river begins in earnest. To-night the matter goes to the City Assembly, and if passed upon favorably in that branch will go to the Board of Aldermen not later than Thursday night.

The petition, as certified to by City Clerk Ben T. August, had hardly reached Manchester yesterday, when the fight against it began. Request was made of President J. D. Reams, of the Assembly, to call a meeting to-night. He said that he was unwilling to call the body at that time, and suggested Thursday as the proper night. A sufficient number of members then presented the request, as required by ordinance, forcing him to make the call. Mr. Reams is known to be opposed to annexation, and some of those in favor of it passed a resolution in favor of a delay was for the purpose of taking up time, which, at this stage of the contest, is required by ordinance, forcing him to make the call.

The opposition has practically given up the fight to delay the measure in either branch of the Council, and is now said to be bending its energies in the effort to vote it down in City election. A prominent member of the Assembly said last night that the ordinance would probably pass that branch in view of the fact that it brought the Board by about the same proportion.

As soon as the matter is through the Council, every hold-dog, always been busy with getting the legal questions in such shape as to bring it to a vote of the people, those opposing it have been busy in their efforts to strengthen sentiment against it in every part of the city. Leaders in this effort are J. C. Mitchell, chief of the members of the office-holding contingency, which has blocked the movement at every point from its inception.

In the event of the most substantial business men of Manchester, they will be able, in the short time allowed between the passage of the ordinance and the date of the election, to convince the better part of the lukewarm and to change many of those now supporting it.

BUILDING PERMITS

Brick and Frame Dwellings to Go To Several Parts of the City.

Building inspectors here yesterday issued the following permits for buildings and repairs:

Mrs. Fannie E. Miller, to erect a two-story brick tenement for six dwellings on the south side of Hancock Avenue, between Meadow and Park Streets, to cost \$12,000.

C. W. Montgomery, to erect two one-story open frame storage sheds on the north side of Cary Street, between Vine Street and Allen Avenue, to cost \$250.

E. P. Cathcart, to erect two detached one-story frame dwellings on the east side of Twenty-first Street, between 12th and 13th Streets, to cost \$2,400.

W. Montgomery, to repair brick masonry on the north side of Cary Street, between Vine Street and Allen Avenue, to cost \$500.

W. Thompson, to repair brick dwelling, 1325 Cedar Street, to cost \$125.

F. Bottelheimer, to repair brick dwelling, 2325 East Main Street, to cost \$600.

Attempted Hold-Up.

Mrs. L. W. Gray, of 517 North Twenty-eighth Street, was the victim of a daring attempt at robbery by a big negro Sunday night.

The negro, who was dressed in a passing Twenty-fourth and Marshall Streets, resisted, and the negro was taken to the police.

An important meeting of Davis County, No. 27, Junior Order United American Mechanics, will be held Thursday night in Odd-Fellows' Hall. The by-laws of the council will be revised, and a full attendance is desired.

The Industrial Chapter of Meade Memorial Church held its business meeting yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock, with Mrs. W. H. Garnett, 1401 Porter Street.

Danville Minister Conducting Special Service at Church of Covenant.

Rev. W. R. Laird, D. D., of Danville, presided last night at the first of a series of special services which will be held this week in the Church of the Covenant, corner of Harrison Street and Park Avenue.

Dr. Laird will assist the pastor, Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., during the entire week, and will be his guest. The opening service was well attended. Music of an evangelistic type will be directed by Director Hill.

Small Boy Hurt.

Robert Swann, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Swann, of Fairmount Avenue, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon when he threw a brick upon a railroad torpedo.

His hand was torn almost to shreds, and one of his eyes was badly hurt.

A still alarm was rung as turned in yesterday afternoon from Ninth and Albion Streets. The fire was in a small house, and the damage was insignificant.

Continued This Week

Owing to some improvements we are making in the interior of our store we shall defer displaying

OUR SPRING STOCK

until next week. During the interval we shall continue the following special sales:

Men's Suits that sold up to \$30.00 at.....	\$14.75
Men's Overcoats that sold up to \$30.00 at.....	\$14.75
Men's Extra Trousers that sold up to \$4.50 at.....	\$2.95
Men's Shirts that sold up to \$1.50 at.....	69c
Boys' Knee Pants Suits that sold up to \$8.50 at.....	\$2.95
Boys' Extra Knee Pants that sold up to \$2.00 at.....	45c
Boys' Shirt Waists that sold at \$1.00 at.....	25c

GANS-RADY CO.

WHIST TOURNAMENT WANT INSURANCE WITH BALTIMORE ON HUDSPETH'S LIFE

Richmond Club to Play Several Cities for Championship.

The Richmond Whist Club will probably accept a proposition that a tournament between it and the Baltimore, Washington and Norfolk clubs be played in Norfolk on May 23 and 30. The proposition came from William Seely, chairman of the whist committee of the Washington club.

The following is the arrangement for the proposed games:

Saturday, May 23—An open pair match, two sessions, afternoon and evening, to be played under the Howell system. Entrance fee of \$1 per pair.

On Monday, May 30, a team of four, eight or twelve men from each of the four clubs to play in morning, afternoon and evening sessions, for a cup to be offered by the four clubs collectively, the winners to hold same for the ensuing year, the cup to be returned for play each year at the different clubs in rotation until won by one club three times, upon which it shall become the property of said club.

The visiting clubs will assume their own expenses. In order that the home club may be put to no expense.

HOWITZER INSPECTION

Col. Mitchell to Make Thorough Examination of Equipment.

Colonel C. C. Mitchell, chief of ordnance officer of the Department of the East, United States Army, will make an official inspection of the equipment of the Richmond Howitzers. This inspection, made under the provisions of the War Department, is the most thorough ever made, and will be taken apart and examined.

A most exhaustive report has to be made. The work is an important and laborious one. The Howitzers have shown up splendidly in these reports in the past, and no fear is felt by the department that they will not be serious fault found with the condition of the battery equipment at this time.

SALES OF BURLEY

Virginia Grown Tobacco Brings Top Prices in Richmond Wholesale Markets.

On the loose leaf tobacco market yesterday Virginia grown Burley was the most popular variety. P. Taylor, of Orange county, the pioneer in Burley culture in Virginia, put a part of his crop on the market at a store of Stonewall Warehouse. His total sales amounted to about 15,000 pounds, and the prices obtained ranged from \$9 to \$15.50 per hundred pounds.

This was not the best of his crop either. R. L. Hutcheson and J. B. Robinson, also of Orange, A. W. Smith, James Gordville, and J. H. Cooke, of Louisa, were also Burley sellers at Stonewall Warehouse. They got good prices for their tobacco.

The Burley Warehouse, Julius S. Williamson, of Montvale, Bedford county, was a seller of Virginia Burley at the warehouse. He sold about 50,000 pounds, the bulk of it coming from Western Virginia mountain counties, but in the sales was some old Burley that was grown in Halifax county, Va.

CURTIS BRINGS SUIT

Dairy Inspector Resents Bellwood's Insult.

Suit was filed in the Law and Equity Court yesterday by City Milk and Dairy Inspector R. H. Curtis against James Bellwood, a farmer and a boardman of Chesterfield county, for \$15,000.

No declaration has yet been filed. It is generally thought that the suit is the result of certain charges made by Mr. Bellwood against the inspector in the hearing of the Throckmorton milk board before a committee of the General Assembly a short time ago.

At that time Mr. Bellwood reiterated charges made by him in an investigation before the Board of Health last year, and added several others. Inspector Curtis was exonerated before the Health Board.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the office of the City Clerk by William T. Spauld and Katie F. Ellis, to Alexander Cornelius and Lucy B. Annis, to Eugene T. Jones and Annie R. Saunders.

State Supreme Court.

The following cases were argued yesterday in the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia:

Copperhite vs. Loudoun National Bank, et al.; fully argued by John S. Barbour, for appellant, and E. E. Garrett, for appellee, and submitted.

Norton Board of Trade, by et al., vs. The Railroads, argued by R. T. Irvine, for appellant, and L. H. Cooke and E. Brandels, for appellees, and submitted.

Next cases to be called:

Adams's Adm'r vs. Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Co., et al.; Potomac, F. and P. R. R. Co. vs. Chesapeake, Adams, Spilling vs. Hutchison, Imperial Company vs. Trotman, et al., and Portsmouth Traction Co. vs. Dally's Adm'r, Hargrave's Adm'r, vs. Adams and Timber Company, et al.

Dally vs. Blount, et al.; City of Richmond vs. Gentry; Williams vs. Green and Polard; and Haw vs. American Stone Co., Inc., being Nos. 41 to 69, 71, 72, 73 and 75 on argument docket.

Runaway Goose Home.

Albert Kossa, the sixteen-year-old boy who ran away from Brockton, Mass. some days ago, was taken back by his father yesterday. The two had an affectionate meeting in the First Police Station. The boy promised to behave himself always after.

Bird, his cousin, who ran away with him, was undressed and was being cared for by the Associated Charities.

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